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Plaintiff US Right to Know ("Plaintiff") and defendant United States Department of State ("Defendant" or "State Department"), by and through their undersigned counsel, respectfully submit this joint status report pursuant to this Court's Joint Status Report Order dated August 15, 2023, which ordered the parties to file a joint status report by September 1, 2023 and every 180 days thereafter to keep the Court informed of their progress in processing records as set forth in the parties' stipulation regarding case management and FOIA record production ("Stipulation"), dated January 27, 2023. ECF No. 24. The parties filed their first joint status report on August 31, 2023, their second status report on February 27, 2024, and their third status report on August 6, 2024. ECF Nos. 25, 26, 27.

As noted in the parties' joint status reports, prior to the Stipulation, the State Department made two releases of responsive, non-exempt records to Plaintiff. *See* ECF No. 21 at 1–2. The State

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Department processed records at a rate of 450 pages every 6 weeks in connection with its first release on 2 October 28, 2022, and at a rate of 500 pages every 6 weeks for its second release on December 9, 2022. 3 Id.4 Pursuant to the Stipulation, the State Department increased its processing rate to 700 pages per 5 month, with releases of responsive, non-exempt records by the end of each month, starting on February 6 28, 2023. Id. at 2. Since the date of the Stipulation, the State Department has processed records in 7 accordance with the stipulation and released responsive, non-exempt records to Plaintiff on January 23, 8 March 1, March 31, April 28, May 30, June 30, July 31, August 31, September 29, October 31, 9 November 30, and December 29, 2023, and January 31, February 29, March 29, April 30, May 31, June 28, July 31, August 30, September 30, October 31, November 29, and December 31, 2024, and January 10 11 31, 2025. This processing of records remains ongoing, at a rate of 700 pages per month. Accordingly, 12 the parties will respectfully submit their next joint status report to this Court with an update on their 13 progress in 180 days, as ordered, i.e., on or before August 25, 2025. 14 Respectfully submitted, 15 PATRICK D. ROBBINS 16 Acting United States Attorney Dated: February 24, 2025 /s/ Savith Iyengar 17 By: SAVITH IYENGAR Assistant United States Attorney 18 Attorneys for Defendant 19 PUBLIC JUSTICE FOUNDATION 20 Dated: February 24, 2025 \*\*/s/ Daniel C. Snyder By: 21 DANIEL C. SNYDER, pro hac vice Attorneys for Plaintiff 22 23 GREENFIRE LAW, PC 24 Dated: February 24, 2025 \*\*/s/Lily A. Rivo By: LILY A. RIVO 25 Attorneys for Plaintiff 26 \*\* Pursuant to Civ. L.R. 5-1(i)(3), the filer of the document has obtained approval from these signatories. 27 28